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### **Police Searching for Suspect in Double Stabbing** *Victims in Critical Condition; \$5,000 Reward*

Howard County Police are searching for a suspect in a double stabbing this morning that left two victims in critical condition. Gregory Imes, 26, of no fixed address in Columbia, is wanted for attempted first degree murder. Police believe Imes broke into a Columbia home and stabbed two residents inside before fleeing.

The police department is offering a reward of up to \$5,000 for information about Imes' whereabouts.

Police were called to the 10300 block of Twin Rivers Rd. around 6:15 a.m. today and found two victims suffering from multiple stab wounds upon arrival. Reginald Crudup and Maria Elana Cokely, both 51 and residents of the home, were taken to Shock Trauma by ambulance in critical condition.

Investigators believe Imes is a former friend of a family member. They believe he broke in through a sliding glass door, confronted Crudup and Cokely, who were the only people home at the time, and fled. Police recovered a knife at the scene.

Police launched an immediate search for Imes by establishing a perimeter in the area and using K-9 units, but he has not been located. Imes is described as a black male, 6' tall, weighing 205 lbs. His clothing description is unknown at this time.

Anyone with information is urged to call police at 410-313-3200.

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*Editor's Note:* A photo of suspect Gregory Imes is included below.

